

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
March 3, 2021 ..... 9:00 A.M.**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Al Johnson, Council Members: Hattie Burns, Bruce E. Rivers, Gerald L. Miller, Ralph E. Watson, Benjamin Conklin, Jr., Wm. Rhett Butler and Mary D. Anderson.

**ABSENT:** Vice-Chair Douglas Curtis.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tim Eubanks – Administrator, Betty M. Boswell – Clerk to Council/Administration Office Manager, Michelle Stanley – Finance Director, C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney/Assistant Administrator, Jim McGonigal, Amy Yow, Sheriff James Dixon, Chief Deputy Chris Page, Bill Busse – High Point Fire District, Tim Griffin, Pageland Chamber of Commerce, Glenn Gullledge, Bob Robeson, Christy Gaddy, Clerk of Court, Don Worthington – Pageland Progressive Journal and Robert Monnie – The Link. There were others attending the meeting who did not sign the sign-in-sheet.

**PRESS:** Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 178 Mill Street, Chesterfield, SC, and the County Website ([www.chesterfieldcountysc.com](http://www.chesterfieldcountysc.com)). In addition it was made available to the newspapers and concerned citizens (*upon request*). Members of the press present: Robert Monnie – The Link and Don Worthington – The Pageland Progressive Journal.

**CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER**

Chairman Johnson welcomed everyone and Council Member Gerald L. Miller opened the meeting with prayer.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Council Member Burns made a motion to adopt the March 3, 2021 meeting agenda. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**a. February 3, 2021 – Regular Meeting**

Council Member Rivers made a motion to approve the February 3, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Jim McGonigal**

Appeared before Council regarding the Animal Services and the Sheriff taking over Animal Control and Litter Control.

**Tim Griffin, Pageland Chamber of Commerce**

Appeared before Council to give them an update on the Town of Pageland's Mural Project.

**Bill Busse, High Point Fire District:** Appeared before Council regarding High Point Fire Department.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**a. South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority – Economic Development Revenue Bonds (Alligator Rural Water Sewer Company, Inc. Project) Series 2021 - Public Hearing**

Council Member Conklin made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

There were no oral comments from the public made nor were any written comments received.

Council Member Conklin made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**a. Lease-Purchase Ordinance (Motor Grader and Trucks) –1<sup>st</sup> Reading, by title only**

Council Member Miller made a motion to pass 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, *by title only*. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**b. South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority – Economic Development Revenue Bonds (Alligator Rural Water & Sewer Company, Inc. Project) Series 2021 – Resolution**

Council Member Conklin made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**c. Highway SC 9 Widening Project – Resolution**

Council Member Watson made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Council Member Butler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a. Road Committee – Committee Chair Miller**

**i. Motor Grader – Bid Award**

Committee Chair Miller advised that staff issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a motor grader and one proposal was received from Flint Equipment. (See attached Bid Tabulation)

Council Member Miller made a motion to accept the bid from Flint Equipment. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**ii. Dump Trucks (2) – Bid Award**

Committee Chair Miller advised that staff issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for dump trucks (2) and two proposals were received. (See attached Bid Tabulation)

Council Member Miller made a motion to accept the bid from Worldwide Equipment. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**iii. Roll Off Truck – Bid Award**

Committee Chair Miller advised that staff issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Roll Off Truck and two proposals were received. (See attached Bid Tabulation)

Council Member Miller made a motion to accept the bid from Worldwide Equipment. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL**

**a. 2020-2021 Accommodations Tax Grant Committee Recommendations - Stanley**

Ms. Stanley advised the Accommodations Tax Committee met on Monday, February 22, 2021 and reviewed the grant applications for the A-Tax Funds. The Committee reviewed each application to make a determination if the money spent was in compliance with the Accommodations Tax requirements. A list of the total funding recommended in the amount of \$71,163.00 was provided to Council.

Council Member Anderson made a motion to approve the total funding recommended in the amount of \$71,163.00 as set forth on the list presented to Council. Council Member Butler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

## **BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

### **a. Economic Development Board Appointment**

Council Member Butler made a motion to appoint Mr. J.D. Wentz to the Economic Development Board to fill the position vacated by Buzzy Terry. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Advised he planned to re-open County Offices/Buildings on Monday, March 15, 2021, with everyone being required to wear a mask and limit the number of people entering.

**Christy Gaddy, Clerk of Court:** Advised the Judicial Center would be re-opening on March 15, 2021, and that Court would be resuming soon with safety precautions in place.

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

**Council Member Butler:** Recognized Tillman Insurance for participating in the Adopt-A-Highway litter pick up.

**Council Member Anderson:** Advised that the Sandblast Rally was this weekend.

**Council Member Rivers:** Stated litter was really bad around Pageland and encouraged everyone not to throw trash out.

**Council Member Miller:** Stated litter was all over the county, not just Pageland.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

a. Pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(1), Council needed to enter into executive session for discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of employees.

b. Chairman Johnson advised that pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(2), Council needed to enter into executive session for the discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, regarding the following: Tax Notices and Vendor.

Council Member Watson made a motion to enter into executive session. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

Council Member Butler made a motion to exit executive session. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**REGULAR SESSION**

Chairman Johnson reported Council is back in regular session and that no action was taken and no motions were made in executive session other than to exit executive session.

Council Member Burns made a motion in regards to Agenda Item 18.a. to authorize the funding of two positions in the Sheriff's Office at a salary of \$32,000 each. Those funds would come from the current Animal Services Budget and the purpose of that would be to hire officers who would be dedicated to animal cruelty, animal neglect and those type issues.

Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

Council Member Rivers made a motion in regards to Agenda Item 18.a. to authorize the Administrator to explore the option of having a non-profit or non-profit organization to assist with the operation of Animal Services and the Animal Shelter. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

Council Member Watson made a motion in regards to Agenda Item 18.b. to raise the fee that is currently \$.50 per tax bill that is charged to the towns to a \$1.00 and to begin charging the School District \$1.00 per tax bill that is currently collected by the County. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**ADJOURN**


Council Member Watson made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**APPROVED:**



Al Johnson, Chairman  
Date: April 7, 2021

**ATTEST:**



Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council